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### **STATE SENATOR ALLAIN ANNOUNCES NEW WELLNESS CENTER AT FRANKLIN FOUNDATION HOSPITAL**

State Senator Bret Allain announces the development of a 60,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Wellness Center at Franklin Foundation Hospital in St. Mary Parish. The facility will be located between the Franklin Foundation Hospital Medical Office building and the railroad on Northwest Blvd.

The new development will offer a multitude of services including Orthopedics, Cardiology, Outpatient Physical-Occupational-Speech Therapy Services, Outpatient Cardiac Rehab, and Senior Behavioral Health. It will also have space for conference rooms, community education rooms, a wellness testing center, banquet facilities, a full service fitness facility, and a cafe offering healthy snacks.

Senator Allain has spent much of his time as state senator fighting for the healthcare needs and particularly for the wellness and wellbeing of the people in his district. Over the last six years, Sen. Allain has been able to secure matching Federal FMAP funds and state funds to build this wellness center. The new development will not only bring advanced health and wellness resources to the community, but it will also have a significant economic impact on the area, especially in terms of job creation.

“This facility will be the first of its kind in our area and I couldn’t be more excited about the benefits it will bring to our residents,” said Sen. Allain. “The addition of this new Wellness Center to the hospital means that the people in our community will have local access to the preventative, specialized care they need. It will promote overall healthcare outcomes through early intervention and lifestyle changes, reducing dependency on expensive, emergency care.”

“The future of healthcare is less focus on illness and more on health and wellness,” said Stephanie Guidry, CEO of Franklin Foundation Hospital. “Our community and employees want and need a place to focus on fitness and wellness.”

The Franklin Foundation Hospital serves the residents of St. Mary Parish and surrounding communities. It is a 22-bed critical access community hospital offering comprehensive healthcare

in the areas of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Women's Health, General Surgery, Orthopedics, and Cardiology. The Wellness Center addition is expected to open in the next 18 to 24 months.

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